

PUBLIC NOTICES**HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES****SENIOR SERVICES AND HEALTH SYSTEMS BRANCH****DIVISION OF HEALTH FACILITIES EVALUATION AND LICENSING****OFFICE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND HEALTHCARE FACILITY LICENSURE****Notice of Invitation for Certificate of Need Applications for Inpatient Closed Acute Psychiatric Beds and Services**

Take notice that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-7, N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 8:33, the Department of Health and Senior Services (Department) hereby publishes notice that it will be inviting certificate of need applications on a full review basis for short term care closed acute inpatient psychiatric services for the County of Passaic. The Passaic County need has been identified based on the closure of 15 short-term care closed acute inpatient psychiatric beds that were previously licensed at St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.1 et seq., it is the public policy of the State to encourage the development of short-term care facilities, screening centers and related services to provide access to local care across all geographic areas. Data on occupancy rates, admissions to State hospitals and the availability of short-term care facilities have been reviewed and indicate that residents of Passaic County will likely be admitted to State hospitals although they would have been served more appropriately in a local or more geographically proximate short-term care facility if one is available to replace the service at St. Mary's Hospital. Applications from hospitals in Passaic County and in counties contiguous to Passaic County, in accordance with the definition of a planning region as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-1.3, may propose to meet the identified need in Passaic County. Therefore, applications for the establishment or addition of adult closed acute inpatient psychiatric services in Passaic County will be accepted for processing as follows:

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED**BED NEED**

Passaic County

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Certificate of need applications shall be filed in accordance with the Certificate of Need Application and Review Process, N.J.A.C. 8:33, and shall be in compliance with all statutory provisions (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq. P.L. 1971, c. 136, as amended) and all applicable planning and licensing rules and regulations (N.J.A.C. 8:43G), including the Department of Human Services' short term care facility standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 10:37G.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-1.2(d), certificate of need applications shall be reviewed for conformity with the rules in effect on the date the certificate of need application is deemed complete for processing.

Geographic area to be served: Passaic County.

Date application is due: October 1, 2008

Date completeness review decision issued: November 30, 2008

Date State Health Planning Board scheduled to review applications and submit recommendations to the Commissioner: On or before February 28, 2009

Application forms are available on the Department's website at www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/forms.shtml or may be requested from the following:

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